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SUBJECT: TEXT OF MOSHTAQUE AHMED'S ADDRESS TO NATION

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FOLLOWING IS THE ENGLISH-LANGUAGE TEXT OF THE ADDRESS
DELIVERED TO THE NATION NOVEMBER 7 BY FORMER PRESI-
DENT, KHONDAKAR MOSHTAQUE AHMED.

1. BEGIN TEXT: MY DEAR COUNTRYMEN, BROTHERS AND
SISTERS. ASSALAM-O-ALAIKUM.

TODAY I HAVE WITNESSED AN UNPARALLELED REVOLUTION
IN DEFENSE OF THE INDEPENDENCE AND SOVEREIGNTY OF
BANGLADESH BROUGHT ABOUT BY THE HEROIC SOLDIERS OF THE

BANGLADESH ARMY, THE NAVY AND THE AIR FORCE, MEMBERS
OF THE B.D. R., THE POLICE, AND THE ANSAR, THE PEOPLE,
WORKERS, STUDENTS AND YOUTH OF BANGLADESH. AND HAVING
SEEN IT HAPPEN MY HEART IS FILLED WITH PRIDE AND

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GRATITUDE. I SALUTE THESE HEROES AND THANK THEM FROM

THE BOTTOM OF MY HEART. IT IS MY CONVICTION THAT THE HISTORY OF SUCH A REVOLUTION COULD ONLY BE WRITTEN BY THE SUCCESSFUL APPLICATION OF THE ILLIMITABLE AND DIVINE POWERS OF ALLAH, THE ALL-MERCIFUL, AND NATURALLY MY HEART BOWS DOWN IN ETERNAL GRATITUDE AND THANKSGIVING BEFORE ALMIGHTY ALLAH. I CONGRATULATE THE HEROES OF TODAY'S REVOLUTION ON THEIR SUCCESS.

2. THROUGH THIS REVOLUTION OUR COUNTRYMEN HAVE EVINced SUCH SYMPATHY FOR ME AND MY SHORT-LIVED GOVERNMENT THAT LASTED FROM THE 15TH OF AUGUST TO THE 2ND OF NOVEMBER THAT I FEEL THAT WE DESERVE NOTHING FURTHER BY WAY OF A REALISTIC EVALUATION OF OUR LIMITED EFFORTS AS HUMAN BEINGS. I WOULD EARNESTLY REQUEST ALL OF YOU TO VIEW OUR SHORTCOMINGS WITH AN ATTITUDE OF FORGIVENESS.

3. YOU ARE FULLY AWARE OF THE SITUATION THAT EXISTED IN THE COUNTRY BETWEEN THE 2ND OF NOVEMBER AND NOW. I DO NOT WANT TO DWELL ON IT BECAUSE THIS SITUATION ITSELF HAS CREATED THE HISTORIC BACKGROUND OF TODAY'S REVOLUTION AND HAS CLOTHED THE NATIONAL CONSCIOUS IN ITS OWN GLORY. THE TASK OF THE MOMENT IS TO USE THIS SENSE OF GLORY TO OUR EFFORTS TO INSPIRE THE NATION'S PRODUCTIVE FORCES AND TO FREE SOCIETY AND ITS ORGANIZATIONS OF ALL EVIL TAINt.

4. TO BE ABLE TO DISCHARGE SUCH A RESPONSIBILITY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO THE PEOPLE BY A NATIONAL CONCENSUS. AT THE SAME TIME THE SYSTEM OF THE FORMATION OF THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD PREFERABLY BE A NATURE WHICH THE PEOPLE CAN ACCEPT WITHOUT HESITATION. THE PEOPLE OF BANGLADESH, WHOM I HOLD DEARER THAN LIFE HAVE MADE SPONTANEOUS AND PERSISTENT DEMANDS THAT I UNDERTAKE THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT. FOR THIS DEMONSTRATION OF YOUR LOVE FOR AND TRUST IN ME, I SHALL REMAIN ETERNALLY GRATEFUL. BUT I AM FIRMLY OF THE OPINION THAT IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES OBTAINING AT THE PRESENT MOMENT, WE NEED A PERSONALITY AT THE HELM OF THE STATE WHO WILL BE NON-POLITICAL AND NON-PARTISAN. I FEEL THAT THE ABOVE CONDITONS ARE UNCLASSIFIED

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FULFILLED TO A NICETY BY THE PRESENT SITUATION WHERE THE CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE COUNTRY IS THE PRESIDENT. IT IS SURELY NOT EXPECTING TOO MUCH TO HOPE THAT HE WILL BE ABLE TO GUIDE THE NATION ALONG HIS CHOSEN PATH WITH THE ACUMEN AND IMPARTIALITY OF A JUDGE. THAT IS WHY I WOULD EARNESTLY REQUEST HIM TO CONTINUE TO DISCHARGE THIS NATIONAL RESPONSIBILITY.

5. I HAVE TRAVERSED THE AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY
ASSIGNED TO ME BY GRACIOUS ALMIGHTY. BUT I SHALL REMAIN
WITH YOU ALWAYS AS A HUMBLE SERVANT OF THE NATION.
INSHA ALLAH, I SHALL ALWAYS BE WHERE MY SERVICES AS A WORKER
ARE NEEDED. I HAVE NOTHING TO ASK BUT THE MERCY OF THE
ALMIGHTY ALLAH AND THE GOODWISHES OF MY COUNTRYMEN.

6. MY DEFENSE ADVISOR, GENERAL M.A.G. OSMANI HAS
FULFILLED A HISTORIC ROLE AT A CRITICAL JUNCTURE. HE
IS A PRODIGIOUS WORKER AND A MAN OF CHARACTER AND WE
ARE GRATEFUL FOR WHAT HE HAS DONE.

7. MY DEAR BROTHERS AND SISTERS, OUR COUNTRY IS SMALL
BUT THE NATION IS BIG. EVERY INCH OF OUR LAND HAS TO
BE DEFENDED AGAINST HYAENA ATTACKS THROUGH SPON-
TANEOUS INDIVIDUAL AND COLLECTIVE ENDEAVOR. AGAIN
EVERY INCH OF LAND HAS TO BE UTILIZED FOR PRODUCTION.
MAXIMUM PRODUCTION IN THE MILLS AND FACTORES HAS TO
BE OBTAINED THROUGH BACK-BREAKING LABOR. AND FINALLY
EVERY ONE OF US HAS TO BECOME A FULLY COMMITTED PARTNER
IN THE HIGH NATIONAL ENDEAVOR TO MAKE ONE ANOTHER HAPPY
AND PROSPEROUS.

8. JUST AS DURING THE PRESENT REVOLUTION EVERY SINGLE
SOLDIER AND CITIZEN HAS FULFILLED THE ROLE OF A COMMANDER-
IN-CHIEF, SO ALSO HAVE WE TO KEEP ALIVE THIS CONSCIOUS-
NESS DURING EVERY MOMENT IN THE FUTURE.

9. MAY ALLAH, THE ALL-MERCIFUL, HELP AND GUIDE US.
KHUDA HAFIZ. BANGLADESH ZINDABAD. END TEXT.
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